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November 8, 2026
9:30AM Worship

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Awakening joyful service guided by our still speaking God!

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If this is your first time with us, or if you have come to this sacred space your entire life, it is a blessing that we are all here together. Trinity truly believes that ***whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!*** *To enhance your worship experience, we have large print bulletins and hearing support devices available. Please ask an usher or greeter for assistance. Enter worship today but stick around to see what God is doing in this place!*

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Please stand as you are able; BOLD print - congregational response
***All words provided on the screen**

TIME OF SHARING

GREETING

Here at Trinity, we are awakening to joyful service,
guided by our still speaking God!
Let us worship in the name of the Triune God;
The Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer. Amen.

PRELUDE "Song for The Unsung Hero"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise be to God.
Praise be to God for the gift of life.
Praise be to God for the gift of death.

Praise be to God
for the gift of hope.

But, above all else,
Praise be to God for the gift of love
in which life and death and hope are intermingled.
Praise be to God.

*HYMN #312 **"We Love Your Realm, O God"**

*PRAYER

Creator God, we glory in the gift of your world.
May we love and trust you enough today
that we may open ourselves to hear your words as they are written
on our hearts through scripture, word, and song. Amen.

*RESPONSE TO PRAYER #421 **"We Gather Together"** (v1)

We gather together to ask for God's blessing,
to live in community, seeking God's will.
We come now, as sisters and brothers, confessing
the sins that divide and the wrong in us still.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Praying Silently)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

By the power of love, God can renew a right spirit
within us and grant us courage to change our ways
and challenge our culture of consumption.
In Christ Jesus we are a people renewed and forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

"Hymn of Unity"
Senior Choir

SCRIPTURES

Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20

The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction,
and concern for instruction is love of her,
and love of her is the keeping of her laws,
and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality,
and immortality brings one near to God;
so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom.

Matthew 25:1-13

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3]When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; [4]but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5]As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6]But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7]Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. [8]The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9]But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10]And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. [11]Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13]Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

MESSAGE/PRESENTATION

"Civil War Remembrance"
Jane Malone

PRAYER FOR OUR VETERANS/LORD'S PRAYER

O God, we celebrate, give thanks for and praise our veterans today.
You see all hurt, comfort the hearts of those who have lost loved ones in the military.
Let us remember those families who are still grieving today. Remind them of
your love for them. Their loss provides for us a safe place to live and worship.
Keep those families close to your heart today. Comfort them and let them
know we do not forget their loved one's sacrifice.

Lord, many are still suffering from their time in active service. They have seen heartache, held sorrow close to their heart, and their memories still cause pain. Begin a new work in their life today. Let them feel your comfort. Help them seek the help they might need. And let them know we do not forget them or their service.

Be with those who have lost limbs in the war.
It must be painful to remember all you've lost.
Help them to heal both physically and mentally. Give them a renewed sense of hope.
We lift up those with emotional scars who have served in our military.
Strengthen them to seek help from friends or counselors.
Give grace and patience to those who care for them.
Give wisdom to the doctors who are treating them.

We pray for peace for them and relief.
God, today we lift up and celebrate these faithful members
of your church who have served our nation.

O God, we give you praise for these people and do not take for granted all of our freedoms we enjoy because of their work and service. Our veterans are a significant reason why we do not fear and we thank you for them. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen.

*HYMN #591 **"This Is My Song"**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881 **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*CELEBRATION OF OUR GIFTS

Based on Psalm 96

"Bring an offering and come into God's courts;
worship God in holy splendor," says the psalmist.
How amazing! We can offer God something.
Let us share with God in our giving and receiving.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #421 **"We Gather Together"** (v3)

All praise to the Spirit, provider, defender.
You offer us freedom, to follow or stray,
Empowering all by the hope you engender.
Grant wisdom and courage to follow your way.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Creator of Every Good Gift, bless these offerings.
Help us know while we can never pay you back,
we can give enough to feel a wonderous joy. Amen.

*HYMN **"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"**

*FINAL BLESSING

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Portions of today's liturgy have been adapted from:

Before the Amen. Maren Tirabasssi and Maria Tirabassi, Editors. The Pilgrim Press. Cleveland. 2007.

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PASTOR FRED WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE through SUNDAY 11/8. Rev. Carl Glover will be the On-Call Pastor 11/5 – 11/8 and the Worship Leader on the 8th. Pastor Glover can be reached through the church or for after hour emergencies, his cell 717-253-1402

*****BE AWARE OF STREET CLOSURES SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15th through SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21st.** You can find maps at the borough office. The Gettysburg Times may print the schedules as well.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Happy Birthday to my daughter Kathy and all November birthday celebrants by Nancy MacMeekin

OUR CONDOLENCES to the family of Garnet "Sonny" Coble who died at 9:15am Wednesday, November 4th at his sister Marie's home. He would have been 88 on November 30. Funeral arrangements: Wednesday, November 11th with Visitation at 9:00am, Service at 11:00am and the Luncheon following the service. Please keep Sonny's family in your prayers.

USHERS NEEDED FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER – please sign up in Gathering Area.

CHANGE FOR CHRIST – "HELP KEEP THE LIGHTS ON": Have extra change in your pockets? Tired of carrying it around? Drop it in the vase with candle located in the Gathering Area.

Sunday, November 8th 2:00pm-5:00pm- Join Trinity's Senior Choir at the Gettysburg Association Music Fest at St. Davids UCC, 142 Hobart Road, Hanover, PA 17331

COME TO CHURCH . . . . STAY FOR LUNCH: Sunday, November 15th following 9:30am worship. Menu: Potato Soup with ham sandwich and dessert.

Community Thanksgiving Eve services at St. James Lutheran Church.

SCCAP THANKSGIVING BAGS: Social Concerns will be collecting groceries again this year. A table is set up in the Gathering Area. Cash donations are accepted as well to purchase items to fill a bag. Items needed for the bags:

Box of stuffing	2 cans of corn	2 cans of green beans
Dry pack of gravy	Can of sweet potatoes	Can of cranberries (or sauce)

Box of scalloped potatoes or au gratin potatoes or mashed potatoes
Cake mix and icing or pie crust and pie filling

PLEASE BRING ANY DONATIONS YOU HAVE TO THE CHURCH THROUGH SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH. We must deliver them to SCCAP on Monday morning, November 16th.

NOVEMBER is a "FIFTH SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION" month. ***South Central Community Action Program (SCCAP) was the fourth highest charity chosen by the Congregation.*** **Envelopes are in the pews and Gathering Area.**

POINSETTIA'S - $10.75. Order by Sunday, November 29th. Forms in Gathering Area. Please make your checks out to Trinity United Church of Christ and note in the memo line "poinsettias".

NEWS FLASH! In an effort to inform congregation members and/or the wider community of what is happening in our church, the Communication Committee is seeking information to pass on. If your committee is doing something you would like to share, please let the Communications Committee know. **November's "info gatherer is Joan Peck 717-253-1348 or denjopeck@comcast.net**

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CHECK OUT THE BEAUTIFUL CHURCH MODELS MADE BY HARRY HILBERT if you haven't already. Information on the History of those two churches is available in the Gathering Area. If you see Harry, please thank him! A lot of time and work went into the details.

ATTENDANCE 11/1/2026: 9:30am **60**; On-line ***89***; Dinner Church ***13***; Total ***162***

FINANCE REPORT 11/1/2026:

Envelope Offering Needed WEEKLY: ***$3,707.00*** **Offering Rec'd:** ***$7,892.53***

Property Fund Needed WEEKLY: ***$385.00*** **Offering Rec'd:** ***$90.00***

**** ***Trinity is nearing a $20,000 budget deficit that needs to be made up by the end of this year. Please consider increasing your weekly giving to help Trinity meet this year's budget.***

THIS WEEK

Today, 11/8: PASTOR FRED OUT - Rev. Dr. Carl Glover, Worship Leader
Jane Malone will be giving a presentation on Trinity during the Civil War Veteran Recognition Sunday
2:00pm Music Festival at St. David's UCC, 142 Hobard Road, Hanover, PA

Tuesday, 11/10: CONSISTORY REPORTS DUE

Wednesday, 11/11: Coble funeral: 9am Visitation, 11am Service – Luncheon to follow service.
6pm Worship Committee 7pm Choir -*Sanctuary*

Thursday, 11/12: DEB/BRUCE OUT

Friday, 11/13: DEB/BRUCE OUT 9:30am Flutes – *Fellowship Hall*

Saturday, 11/14: DEB/BRUCE OUT 9:30am -12pm 17th Connecticut Infantry - *Sanctuary*

Next Sunday, 11/15: DEB/BRUCE OUT
SCCAP THANKSGIVING BAG DONATIONS DUE.
Come to Church, Stay for Lunch (following the 9:30am worship service)

Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young	Pastor
Rev. Dr. Carl Glover	Worship Leader
Sara Shank	Organist/Choir Director
Mark Luckenbaugh	Percussionist
Suhua Dong	Liturgist
Alison & Joe Lysitt	Greeters
Terry Krietz	Ushers
Penelope Frantz	Acolyte
Georgia Hollabaugh, Kara Young,	Tech Team

George Steckert, Garrison Redding, Suhua Dong, Nina Redding, Cindy Kidd, Terry Krietz, Bette Bunce, Chris Swinn

Trinity UCC Veterans 2026

Carl Barrick – Navy 1985-1995 – Lt. Commander

Thomas Busche – Army 1971-1976 – Specialist 5

Jeffrey Cooper – Air Force 1972-2001- Colonel (0-6)

Stanley Gish – Air Force 1961-1965- Staff Sergeant

Harold E. Heller – Navy 1968 – 1972 – HM3 OR Tech and Fm3 Fleet Marine

Neal Kendlehart – Army 1975- 1978 – SP 4

Joe Lysitt – Army & Reserve – 1969-1978 – E-6 SSGT - 94th Aircore HHQ

Tony Mickelson – Army 1974-2012 – Colonel

Robert Miller – Army 1954-1957 - E-4

Kenneth Mummert – Air Force 1958-1964 – E-4

Ny Mao- Air Force 1997-2003 – Staff Sergeant

Nina Mao – Air Force 1999-2003- Senior Airman

Ken Oelkers – Air Force 1968-1972 – SST E-5

Michael Pasinski – Army – 1984-1988 – Corporal

Oscar Spicer – Navy 1983-1956 – Lt. J. G.

George Steckert – Marines 1976-1985 – E 4

Timothy Weiant – Air Force 1997-2001

Paul Mitchel - Army

Chris Carter – Army

Valerie Carter – Army

Ankara Atabekova – Army

James Barbieri – Seabee Chief

17 Connecticut Infantry

Every November for Remembrance Day, our group, The Liberty Rifles, a Civil War living history organization, picks a different Union regiment that fought at Gettysburg to research and represent as we conduct a battlefield walk, during which we stop at key points of interest, reading soldiers' accounts, and telling the unit's story as we follow its path.

This year we are representing the 17th Connecticut Infantry. Of course, this was one of the units whose wounded and prisoners were held in your church, about which they wrote extensively. It's a key landmark, and definitely a point on their journey.

We will come into the church Saturday, November 14th around 9:30am, take a seat, and truly absorb and contemplate the words of the people who described what went on here at Trinity.

The primary focus of our organization is tasteful and respectful historical interpretation, and recognize that we would be, first and foremost, guests in your space. On behalf of the organization we thank you for allowing us to come into Trinity and make its unique history a memorable part of our organization's history. Anyone is welcome to join us.

We Love Your Realm, O God

Timothy Dwight, 1801
Adapt. Lavon Bayler, 1992

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1. We love your realm, O God,
all plac-es where you reign.
We rec-og-nize, with hope and joy,
the world as your do-main.

2. We love your church, O God,
for Christ has giv-en life
To form com-mu-ni-ties of love
that seek to heal our strife.

3. We rec-og-nize, with pain,
that we have not a-chieved
The faith-ful-ness of our re-solve
when we at first be-lieved.

4. Yet Christ, our friend and guide,
con-tin-ues to for-give,
De-liv-ering us from our mis-takes,
in-vit-ing us to live.

5. Be-yond our bro-ken-ness,
we seek to know your ways
Of deep com-mu-nion, sol-emn vows,
and hymns of love and praise.

6. We know your truth will last.
We trust your reign is sure.
E-quip us for those dai-ly tasks
that help your world en-dure.

This Is My Song

Lloyd Stone, 1934

1. This is my song, O God of all the na-tions,
a song of peace for lands a-far and mine.
This is my home, the coun-try where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho-ly shrine;
But oth-er hearts in oth-er lands are beat-ing
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

2. My coun-try's skies are blu-er than the o-cean,
and sun-light beams on clo-ver-leaf and pine;
But oth-er lands have sun-light, too, and clo-ver,
and skies are ev-ery-where as blue as mine.
O hear my song, O God of all the na-tions,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

Ps. 82:8

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*Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Mark 4:36-41
William Whiting, 1860, alt.

MELITA 8.8.8.8.8.8.
John B. Dykes, c. 1861

